

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Ground Round Independent Owners Cooperative, LLC,
Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION:05-10780-NMG

V.

Whitman, et al.,
Defendant

ORDER OF REFERENCE
FOR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

After consultation with counsel and after consideration of the various alternative dispute resolution programs (ADR) available, I find this matter appropriate for ADR and accordingly, refer this case to Senior Judge or Panel Member for the following ADR program:

_____ EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION	<u> X </u> MEDIATION
_____ MINI-TRIAL	_____ SUMMARY JURY TRIAL
_____ SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	_____ SPECIAL MASTER
_____ PRIVATE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM	

Upon notification of the time and place designated for the proceeding, counsel are directed to be present with their clients or with appropriate settlement authority and to provide any written documentation which may be required for the particular ADR program. If counsel is engaged on trial or has any scheduling conflict and a continuance becomes necessary, the provider of the ADR program and other counsel should be advised of the conflict immediately.

NATHANIEL M. GORTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

9/26/05

DATE

By: /S/ Craig J. Nicewicz

CASE CATEGORY

Admiralty	_____	Antitrust	_____
Civil Rights	_____	Contract	_____
Copyright/Trademark/Patent	<u> X </u>	Environmental	_____
ERISA	_____	FELA	_____
Labor Relations	_____	Medical Malpractice	_____
Personal Injury	_____	Product Liability	_____
Shareholder Dispute	_____		
Other	_____		